



DEFINITION: A person working with children in an ECD Centre who has been formally or in formally trained to provide ECD services to children from birth to school-going age.

Exclusions: A person who can enter the National Teachers Awards/employed by a school.

ENTRY FORM

SA ECD Awards: Creating a brighter future for our children

Taking into consideration the South African Government's commitment to recognise and support ECD, the South African Early Childhood Development Awards aim to raise awareness of the ECD sector's goal to break the cycle of inherited poverty.

The awards highlight the need for a proper system of early childhood development, one that is integrated in its approach, by considering children's health, nutrition, education, psychosocial and additional environmental factors within the context of their family and their community.

The annual ECD Awards initiative which is the only one of its kind in South Africa, has been taking place since 2003. This has been in partnership with the Departments of Basic Education and Social Development, the South African Congress of Early Childhood Development, UNICEF, Jim Joel Fund, and the media. The ECD awards are aimed at the promotion and recognition of excellence, hard work, dedication and investment in the future of children by individual practitioners, community centres and organisations involved in early childhood development.

The awards are in the following categories:

- Best ECD Practitioner of the Year
- Best ECD Centre of the Year
- Best ECD Trainer of the Year
- Best Publication of the Year
- Best ECD Training and Intervention Programme

The ECD Awards categories promote:

- The improvement of quality of care, protection and development of children
- Skills development of care givers on caring for children and providing them with stimulating environments
- The importance of early childhood development

A former award winner had the following to say "*These awards bring attention to the plight of children and build the nation*"

Enter now!

**Opening date: 1 August 2013 and deadline date for submissions is 30 September 2013.
(no extensions will be granted)**

National awards winners stand the chance to receive monetary awards or scholarships.

ECD AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

CATEGORY: BEST ECD TRAINING AND INTERVENTION PROGRAMME

SECTION 1: CONTACT DETAILS		
Name of programme		
E-mail address		
Contact person		
ID		
Physical address		
Town	Province	
Municipality	Postcode	
Postal address		
Town	Province	
Municipality	Postcode	
Telephone	Fax	Cell

Note: If we require proof of relevant documents, please make sure they are available on request.

SECTION 2: MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE		
(a) Do you have a management or governing committee?	YES	NO
If YES, what are their responsibilities?		
If NO, how is your programme managed or governed?		
(b) Does the management and governing committee consist of parents of children and members of the public?	YES	NO
Explain		

SECTION 3: PROGRAMME INFORMATION		
(a) Name of the programme which is being entered for this award?		
(b) Municipality in which the programme operates		
(c) What is the annual cost of the programme and how is it funded?		
(d) What does the programme aim to achieve?		
(e) Who does the programme target? Provide the age groups of direct and indirect beneficiaries.		

(f) How long has the programme been operational?

(g) What makes this programme innovative, creative and/or different, particularly in the lives of the beneficiaries?

(h) Explain how the programme addresses the holistic development of the children

(i) What makes this programme sustainable ie. How do you maintain the continuity of this programme through your model?

(j) What is the duration of contact with participating beneficiaries? How do you follow up on beneficiaries?

(k) How do you measure the impact of this initiative?

(l) How do you follow up on beneficiaries progress and performance in the programme?

(m) How do you measure the impact of the programme?

(n) What lessons and/or challenges have you learnt in terms of developing and providing interventions for children?

(o) Is this programme replicable and/or scaleable? If so how?

SECTION 4: MOTIVATION

(p) Indicate in 100 words or less why this programme should be considered for the ECD Award Best A ECD Training and Intervention Programme

(q) Describe a typical day in your interaction with your target group in this programme.

Entry submitted by:

Name	Telephone
Signature	Date

Competition Rules

- The nomination process will open 1 August 2013 and deadline for submissions is 30 September 2013. Late entries will not be accepted.
- Previous winners are not eligible to enter the competition for two years from the time of winning.
- Nomination forms must be filled in correctly and in detail with as much information as possible to assist in the evaluation process.
- Provincial finalists will be invited to attend the Provincial Awards Ceremony and the national training week (September/October 2012)
- A winner in each category will be announced at the National Awards Ceremony.
- Winners will be interviewed and featured in the media.
- The decision of the selection committee and judges is final and no correspondence will be entered into
- The competition is subject to cancellation by the organisers through a public announcement.

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